

CLAIMS

1. A surgical device comprising a first portion and a second portion, the first and second portions being
5 releasably connected together by means of cooperating first and second formations, the first formation being attached to the first portion and the second formation comprising a resilient arm which is attached to the second portion and engages the first formation on the first portion.
- 10 2. A surgical device as claimed in claim 1, in which the first formation is integrally formed with the first portion.
- 15 3. A surgical device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, in which the first formation comprises a recess or projection.
4. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second formation is
20 integrally formed with the second portion.
5. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which a recess or projection is formed on the resilient arm and engages the first formation.
- 25 6. A surgical device as claimed in claim 5, in which the recess or projection is formed at a free end of the resilient arm.
- 30 7. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second portion is at least partially bifurcated.
8. A surgical device as claimed in claim 7, in which the
35 resilient arm forms a fork of the bifurcated part of the second portion.

9. A surgical device as claimed in claim 7 or 8, in which the first formation is received between forks of the bifurcated part of the second portion.

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10. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion is provided with a first planar guide surface which engages a second planar guide surface on the second portion.

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11. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, further comprising an abutment which limits the relative movement between the first and second portions.

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12. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion is adapted to connected, one at a time, to a plurality of alternative second portions.

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13. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion comprises a surgical tool.

25 14. A surgical tool as claimed in claim 13, in which the first portion comprises a drill bit, broach, file or rasp.

30 15. A surgical device as claimed in claim 13 or 14, in which the first formation comprises an annular ridge formed around the circumference of the surgical tool.

35 16. A surgical device as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 15, in which the resilient arm is arcuate and curves at least partially around the circumference of the surgical tool.

17. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second portion is a handle.

18. A surgical device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 12, in which the second portion comprises an adaptor to which a femoral head can be connected.

19. A surgical device as claimed in claim 18, in which a plurality of adaptors of different lengths and/or shapes 10 are provided for attachment to the first portion.

20. A surgical device substantially as described herein, with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A surgical device comprising a first portion and a second portion, the first and second portions being
5 releasably connected together by means of cooperating first and second formations, the first formation being attached to the first portion, the second formation comprising a resilient arm which is integrally formed with the second
10 portion and engages the first formation on the first portion, the second portion being at least partially bifurcated, the resilient arm forming a fork of the bifurcated part of the second portion, and the first formation being received between the resilient arm and another fork of the bifurcated part of the second portion.
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2. A surgical device as claimed in claim 1, in which the first formation is integrally formed with the first portion.
- 20 3. A surgical device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, in which the first formation comprises a recess or projection.
4. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second formation is
25 integrally formed with the second portion.
5. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which a recess or projection is formed on the resilient arm and engages the first formation.
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6. A surgical device as claimed in claim 5, in which the recess or projection is formed at a free end of the resilient arm.
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7. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion is provided with a first planar guide surface which engages a second planar guide surface on the second portion.

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8. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, further comprising an abutment which limits the relative movement between the first and second portions.

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9. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion is adapted to connected, one at a time, to a plurality of alternative second portions.

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10. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion comprises a surgical tool.

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11. A surgical tool as claimed in claim 10, in which the first portion comprises a drill bit, broach, file or rasp.

12. A surgical device as claimed in claim 10 or 11, in which the first formation comprises an annular ridge formed around the circumference of the surgical tool.

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13. A surgical device as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, in which the resilient arm is arcuate and curves at least partially around the circumference of the surgical tool.

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14. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second portion is a handle.

15. A surgical device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second portion comprises an adaptor to which a femoral head can be connected.

5 16. A surgical device as claimed in claim 15, in which a plurality of adaptors of different lengths and/or shapes are provided for attachment to the first portion.

10 17. A surgical device substantially as described herein, with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.